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USER NOTE 1

The Corporate Structure System, formerly called UNIVERSE SYSTEM, consists of three record types. Each record type is contained on separate tapes:

1. Corporate Structure Tape - formerly called Universe Tape, contains information about OTS regulated institutions. The format of the tape was changed effective December 18, 1995. Prior to that time, also, the tape included non regulated members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.
2. Merger Tape - contains information about mergers between OTS regulated institutions. The format of the tape was changed effective December 18, 1995. Prior to that time, also, the tape included mergers involving non regulated members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.
3. Asset Change Tape - formerly called AST or Acquired Assets/Sale of Facilities/Transfer of Deposits Tape, contains information about purchases, sales and transfers of facilities/assets/deposits involving OTS regulated institutions. Prior to that time, also, the tape included changes between non regulated members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

Please note that the physical characteristics of the tapes provided in the agency documentation describe the agency copy. Some of the characteristics are different on the National Archives copy of the tapes. See the file sample printouts and explanations in documentation files #8, #9, and #10.

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